
008 - All Materials (NR)

MARC 21 Bibliographic - Full

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Indicators and Subfield Codes

This field has no indicators or subfield codes; the data elements are positionally defined.

Character Positions

00-05 - Date entered on file

06 - Type of date/Publication status

b - No dates given; B.C. date involved
c - Continuing resource currently published
d - Continuing resource ceased publication
e - Detailed date
i - Inclusive dates of collection
k - Range of years of bulk of collection
m - Multiple dates
n - Dates unknown

p - Date of distribution/release/issue and production/recording session when different
q - Questionable date
r - Reprint/reissue date and original date
s - Single known date/probable date
t - Publication date and copyright date
u - Continuing resource status unknown
l - No attempt to code

07-10 - Date 1

1-9 - Date digit
- Date element is not applicable

u - Date element is totally or partially unknown
lll - No attempt to code

11-14 - Date 2

1-9 - Date digit
- Date element is not applicable

u - Date element is totally or partially unknown
lll - No attempt to code

15-17 - Place of publication, production, or execution

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38 - Modified record

- Not modified
d - Dashed-on information omitted
o - Completely romanized/printed cards romanized

s - Shortened
x - Missing characters
l - No attempt to code

r - Completely romanized/printed cards in script

39 - Cataloging source

- National bibliographic agency

u - Unknown

c - Cooperative cataloging program

l - No attempt to code

d - Other

FIELD DEFINITION AND SCOPE

Field 008 character positions 00-17 and 35-39 are defined the same for field 008 in the MARC 21 bibliographic format, regardless of record type. The definition of field 008 character positions 18-34 varies according to the Type of record code in Leader/06 and Bibliographic level code in Leader/07. Certain data elements are defined the same in more than one 008 field configuration. When similar data elements are defined for inclusion in a field 008 for different record types/bibliographic level, they generally occupy the same field 008 character positions.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING CONTENT DESIGNATORS

■ CHARACTER POSITIONS

00-05 - Date entered on file

Computer-generated, six-character numeric string that indicates the date the MARC record was created. Recorded in the pattern *yymmdd*.

Pattern *yymmdd* is *yy* for the year, *mm* for the month, and *dd* for the day. The date entered on file in 008/00-05 is never changed. The date and time of latest transaction information in field 005 changes each time a transaction is made to the record. The latest transaction information enables an organization handling more than one version of a record to identify the most current version. The fill character (l) is not allowed in any of these positions. Field 008/00-05 is usually system generated.

06 - Type of date/Publication status

One-character alphabetic code that indicates the type of dates given in 008/07-10 (Date 1) and 008/11-14 (Date 2). For continuing resources, the code in 008/06 also indicates the publication status.

The choice of code for 008/06 is made concurrently with a determination of the appropriate dates for 008/07-14. For most records data is derived from information in field 260 (Publication, Distribution, etc. (Imprint)), field 264 (Production, Publication, Distribution, Manufacture, and Copyright Notice), field 362 (Dates of Publication and/or Sequential Designation), or from note fields.

Dates are represented by four digits. Missing digits in the date are represented by the character *u*.

For continuing resources, 008/07-10 contain the beginning date of publication (chronological designation) and 008/11-14 contain the ending date. For reprints of serials and for reproductions of serials being described in the body of the entry, the beginning and ending dates of the original are input in these character positions.

Precedence of codes (monographic items) - When more than one code applies to a bibliographic

item, use the table below to determine the appropriate code to use. The codes listed first take precedence over codes listed subsequently. The left column covers single part items and multipart items completed in one year. The right column covers multipart items for which a span of dates is required.

**Single part/multipart items
complete in one year**

b - B.C. date
r - Reprint/original date
e - Detailed date
s - Single date
p - Distribution/production date
t - Publication date and copyright date
q - Questionable date
n - Unknown date

**Collections/multipart items complete
in more than one year**

b - B.C. date
i - Inclusive date
k - Range of dates
r - Reprint/original date
m - Initial/terminal date
t - Publication date and copyright date
n - Unknown date

Legal characters - Date 1 and Date 2 each usually consist of four digits (e.g., 1963). When part of the date is unknown, missing digits are represented by the character *u* (e.g., "19??" would be recorded as *19uu*). If the date is totally unknown, the millennium may be inferred (e.g., *1uuu*). For Common Era (C.E.) dates of the first millennium, the year is right justified and unused positions contain zeros (e.g., "946 A.D." would be recorded as *0946*). When Date 1 or Date 2 is not applicable, such as when Before Common Era (B.C.) dates are involved, blanks are used (e.g., #####). For active serials (i.e., when the serial has not ceased publication) and incomplete multipart nonserial items, the date in 008/11-14 is represented by 9999 to indicate that the year is not yet available. The fill character (I) may also be used in 008/06-14 when no attempt has been made to code dates, but its use in 008/07-10 is discouraged. Many MARC-based systems rely on non-fill characters in 008/07-10 for retrieval and duplicate detection. When fill is used in either 008/07-10 or 008/11-14, it should be used in all four character positions, thus a combination of fills and any other character in either of these positions should never occur.

b - No dates given; B.C. date involved

One or more dates associated with the item are Before Common Era (B.C.) dates. B.C. date information can be specifically coded in field 046 (Special Coded Dates).

Each character position in fields 008/07-10 and 008/11-14 contains a blank.

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008/06    b
008/07-10 #####
008/11-14 #####
260       ##$c[150-100 B.C.]
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c - Continuing resource currently published

Currently published is defined as an item for which an issue has been received within the last three years.

008/07-10 contain the beginning date of publication; 008/11-14 contain the characters 9999.

008/06 c
008/07-10 1984
008/11-14 9999
260 ##\$aNew York :\$bXerox Films,\$c1984-

008/06 c
008/07-10 1953
008/11-14 9999
260 ##\$aChicago :\$bUniversity of Chicago Press,
362 1#\$aBegan with vol. for 1953.

008/06 c
008/07-10 195u
008/11-14 9999
500 ##\$aDescription based on: Vol. 2, no. 2 (Feb. 1956).
[Date of first issue is unknown.]

008/06 c
008/07-10 19uu
008/11-14 9999
260 ##\$aNew York :\$bWiley Interscience,
500 ##\$aDescription based on: 1981.
[Date of first issue is unknown but can be estimated.]

008/06 c
008/07-10 1uuu
008/11-14 9999
260 ##\$aNew York :\$bDoubleday,
500 ##\$aDescription based on: 1901.
[Date of first issue is unknown and cannot be estimated.]

d - Continuing resource ceased publication

New issues of a continuing resource have ceased to be published or that a change in author or title has caused a successive entry record to be created. When a new title supersedes a previously existing one, the earlier title is considered *dead* and coded d in field 008/06. An item is considered to have ceased publication only when there is clear evidence that it has. Generally, a period of more than three years during which no new issue of a continuing resource has been published is considered evidence that it has ceased publication.

008/07-10 contain the beginning date of publication; 008/11-14 contain the date the item ceased to be published.

008/06 d
008/07-10 1928

008/11-14 1941

260 ##\$aBerlin :\$bVZG,\$c1928-1941.

362 0#\$aVol. 1, no. 1 (Feb. 1928)-v. 14, no. 2 (Feb. 1941).

008/06 d**008/07-10** 1uuu**008/11-14** 1958

260 ##\$aNew York :\$bAmerican Statistical Association,\$c -1959.

362 0#\$a -1958.

008/06 d**008/07-10** 19uu**008/11-14** 1929

260 ##\$aBoston :\$bThe Society,\$c -1929.

*[Beginning date is unknown but can be estimated.]***008/06** d**008/07-10** 1945**008/11-14** 19uu

260 ##\$aChicago :\$bThe Association,\$c1945-

515 ##\$aNo more published?

*[Ending date is unknown but can be estimated.]***e - Detailed date**

Detailed date which contains the month (and possibly the day) in addition to the year is present.

008/07-10 contain the year and 008/11-14 contain the month and day formatted *mmdd*.

If the day is unknown, *uu* is used; if the detail on the item indicates only the month, blanks are used. For **visual materials**, this code may be used with televised material to give the date of the original broadcast.

008/06 e**008/07-10** 1983**008/11-14** 0615

260 ##\$aWashington, D.C. :\$bDept. of Commerce,\$cJune 15, 1983.

008/06 e**008/07-** 1977**10****008/11-** 05##**14**

260 ##\$cMay 1977.

[Day is not applicable because the publication is identified by month]

only.]

008/06 e
 008/07-10 1976
 008/11-14 11uu
 260 ##\$aU.S. :\$bTriangle Film Corp.,\$cNov. 1976.
[Day of month is unknown.]

i - Inclusive dates of collection

008/07-10 and 008/11-14 contain the inclusive dates applicable to a collection. If the inclusive dates are represented by a single year, that date is given in both places. A collection, whether or not it consists of individually published items, is not considered to exist in a published form. Multipart items are not treated as a collection (see code m).

008/06 i
 008/07-10 1765
 008/11-14 1770
 260 ##\$c1765-1770.

008/06 i
 008/07-10 18uu
 008/11-14 1890
 260 ##\$c18--?-1890.

008/06 i
 008/07-10 1988
 008/11-14 1988
 260 ##\$c1988.

k - Range of years of bulk of collection

008/07-10 and 008/11-14 contain the range of years applicable to most of the material in a collection. If the bulk dates are represented by only a single year, that date is given in both places. A collection, whether or not it consists of individually published items, is not considered to exist in a published form. Multipart items are not treated as a collection (see code m).

008/06 k
 008/07-10 1796
 008/11-14 1896
 260 ##\$c1796-1896.

008/06 k
 008/07-10 1854
 008/11-14 1854
 260 ##\$c1854.

m - Multiple dates

008/07-10 and 008/11-14 contain the range of years of publication of a multipart item. If both dates for a multipart item are represented by a single year, then code s is used. The code is also used for a single part unpublished item that has been executed over a period of time, such as a painting.

008/07-10 usually contain the initial (or beginning) date and 008/11-14 the terminal (or ending) date.

008/06 m
008/07-10 1972
008/11-14 1975
 260 ##\$aParis :\$bÉditions du Cerf,\$c1972-1975.

008/06 m
008/07-10 uuuu
008/11-14 1981
 260 ##\$aBoston :\$bMacmillan,\$c-[1981]
[Multipart item for which the earliest volume is not held.]

008/06 m
008/07-10 197u
008/11-14 1987
 260 ##\$aParis :\$bHachette,\$c[197-]-1987.
[Multipart item for which the publication date of the first volume is uncertain.]

008/06 m
008/07-10 1943
008/11-14 197u
 260 ##\$aNew York :\$bDover,\$c1943-[197-?]
[Multipart item for which the publication date of the last volume is uncertain.]

008/06 m
008/07-10 1943
008/11-14 1945
 260 ##\$aLondon :\$bGollancz,\$c1943-1945.
[Single part item for which the publication date spans more than one

year.]

008/06 m

008/07-10 1998

008/11-14 9999

260 ##\$aBrescia : \$bLa scuola,\$c<c1998- >

[Multipart item for which the publication date is ongoing.]

n - Dates unknown

Dates appropriate for 008/07-10 and 008/11-14 are unknown, (e.g., when no dates are given in field 260).

008/06 n

008/07-10 uuuu

008/11-14 uuuu

260 ##\$a[Spain]

008/06 n

008/07-10 uuuu

008/11-14 uuuu

[Naturally occurring object; field 260 is not present in the record.]

p - Date of distribution/release/issue and production/recording session when different

Both a date of distribution/release/issue (008/07-10) and a date of production/recording (008/11-14) are present because there is a difference between the two dates. For **computer files**, code p is used when there is a difference between the date the file first became operational for analysis and processing in machine-readable form (i.e., production date) and the date the file became available to the public, usually through an established agency (i.e., distribution date). For moving images, if a work with identical content but in a different medium has a later release date than the original work, code p is used (e.g., a videorecording released in 1978 that was originally produced as a motion picture in 1965).

008/06 p

008/07- 1982

10

008/11- 1967

14

260 ##\$aWashington :\$bU.S. Navy Dept.,\$c1967 :\$bDistributed by National Audiovisual Center,\$c1982.

q - Questionable date

Exact date for a single date item is not known but a range of years for the date can be specified (e.g., between 1824 and 1846).

Earliest possible date is given in 008/07-10; latest possible date in 008/11-14.

008/06 q
 008/07-10 1963
 008/11-14 1966
 260 ##\$aNew York :\$bHippocrene Books,\$c[between 1963 and 1966]

008/06 q
 008/07-10 18uu
 008/11-14 19uu
 260 ##\$aAmsterdam :\$bElsevier,\$c[19th and early 20th century]
[Decade is unknown for both earliest and latest date.]

r - Reprint/reissue date and original date

008/07-10 contain the date of reproduction or reissue; 008/11-14 contain the date of the original, if known. 008/11-14 contain code u ("uuuu"), if unknown.

If multiple dates are available for the original publication, 008/11-14 contain the earlier date. With original photographic material, the work being described would be a later photoprint made from an earlier created photonegative. With original prints, the work being described would be a restrike made from the (usually deceased) artist's earlier-created plate or block.

008/06 r
 008/07-10 1983
 008/11-14 1857
 260 ##\$aBoston :\$b[s.n.,\$c1983?]
 500 ##\$aOriginal version: Pittsburg, Pa. : W'm Schuchman & Bro. Lith.,
 [1857].

008/06 r
 008/07-10 1966
 008/11-14 uuuu
 500 ##\$aReprinted from Green Howard's Gazette.
[Original date of publication is unknown.]

008/06 r
 008/07-10 uuuu
 008/11-14 1963
 260 ##\$aNew York :\$b[s.n.,\$cn.d.]
 500 ##\$aPreviously published in 1963.

s - Single known date/probable date

Date consists of one known single date of distribution, publication, release, production, execution, writing, or a probable date that can be represented by four digits. The single date associated with the item may be actual, approximate, or conjectural (e.g., if the single date is

uncertain). Code s is also used for a single unpublished item such as an original or historical graphic when there is a single date associated with the execution of the item.

008/07-10 contain the date; 008/11-14 contain blanks (####).

008/06 s
008/07-10 1977
008/11-14 ####
 260 ##\$aWashington :\$bDept. of State,\$c1977.

008/06 s
008/07-10 1981
008/11-14 ####
 260 ##\$a[Darmstadt] :\$bTetzlaff,\$c1980 [i.e. 1981]

008/06 s
008/07-10 1969
008/11-14 ####
 260 ##\$aLondon :\$bHarcourt, World & Brace,\$c[1969?]

008/06 s
008/07-10 1983
008/11-14 ####
 260 ##\$a[Yerushalayim :\$bE. Fisher,\$c744 i.e. 1983 or 1984]
[Non-Gregorian dates with no single Gregorian equivalent.]

008/06 s
008/07-10 1946
008/11-14 ####
 260 ##\$aBerlin :\$b[s.n.],\$cca. 1946]

008/06 s
008/07-10 198u
008/11-14 ####
 260 ##\$aNew York :\$bHaworth,\$c[198-]

008/06 s
008/07-10 19uu
008/11-14 ####
 260 ##\$aNew York :\$bS.R.A.,\$c[19--]

Span of dates associated with a single item of uncertain date is coded as questionable (code q). Multiple certain dates needed for a single item are coded as multiple dates (code m). Single or

multiple dates associated with a collection are coded as either bulk dates (code k) or inclusive dates (code i).

t - Publication date and copyright date

Date of publication/release/production/execution is present in 008/07-10 and a copyright notice date or phonogram copyright notice date is present in 008/11-14. Deposit dates (i.e., those preceded by "D.L." (*Dépot légal*), etc.) may be treated as copyright dates.

008/06 t
 008/07-10 1982
 008/11-14 1949
 260 ##\$aLondon :\$bMacmillan,\$c1982, c1949.

008/06 t
 008/07-10 2002
 008/11-14 2001
 260 ##\$aNew York :\$bEpic,\$c2002, p2001.

008/06 t
 008/07-10 198u
 008/11-14 1979
 260 ##\$aRio de Janeiro :\$bDelta,\$c[198-?], c1979.

u - Continuing resource status unknown

Used for continuing resources when there is no clear indication that publication of the item has ceased.

008/07-10 contain a beginning date of publication; 008/11-14 contain the characters *uuuu* since no ending date is known.

008/06 u
 008/07-10 1948
 008/11-14 uuuu
 362 0#\$a1948-

008/06 u
 008/07-10 19uu
 008/11-14 uuuu
 500 ##\$aDescription based on: 1983.

008/06 u
 008/07-10 1uuu
 008/11-14 uuuu
 [No information is contained in the source record.]

I - No attempt to code

07-10 - Date 1

A date specified by the code in 008/06 (Type of date/Publication status).

Determination of dates for 008/07-10 is made concurrently with the choice of code for 008/06. See the section above on 008/06 for examples and input conventions related to coded date information. The use of fill characters in 008/07-10, although possible, is discouraged since the data in Date 1 is used for retrieval and duplicate detection in many systems. When fill is used in 008/07-10, all four positions must contain the fill character.

1-9 - Date digit

- Date element is not applicable

u - Date element is totally or partially unknown

llll - No attempt to code

11-14 - Date 2

A date specified by the code in 008/06 (Type of date/Publication status).

Determination of dates for 008/11-14 is made concurrently with the choice of code for 008/06. See the section above on 008/06 for examples and input conventions related to coded date information. Four fill characters (llll) are used when no attempt has been made to code these character positions.

1-9 - Date digit

- Date element is not applicable

u - Date element is totally or partially unknown

llll - No attempt to code

15-17 - Place of publication, production, or execution

Two- or three-character alphabetic code that indicates the place of publication, production, or execution. Place code is an authoritative-agency data element. Code from: [MARC Code List for Countries](#). Choice of a MARC code is generally related to information in field 260 (Publication, Distribution, etc. (Imprint)). The code recorded in 008/15-17 is used in conjunction with field 044 (Country of Producer Code) when more than one code is appropriate to an item. The first code in subfield \$a of field 044 is recorded in 008/15-17. Three fill characters (lll) may be used in place of a valid code, but their use in 008/15-17 is discouraged. The data in this field 008 data element is used for retrieval and duplicate detection in many systems. When fill is used in 008/15-17, all three positions must contain the fill character.

Two-character codes are left justified and the unused position contains a blank (#). For items reprinted in the original print size, the code is based on the jurisdiction where the reprint was published and not on the jurisdiction associated with the original place of publication.

For **sound recordings**, the code represents the place where the recording company is located. For **still images** that are original or historical graphics, if geographic information can be deduced (as with some photographs), a place code is recorded in this character position. For **archival moving images**, the code represents the country of producing entity from field 257. For mass-produced **videorecordings**,

the code represents the place of publication in field 260 (Publication, Distribution, etc. (Imprint)).

008/15-17 cau

044 ##\$acau\$af\$asp\$agw
260 ##\$aBurbank, Calif. :\$bColumbia Tristar Home Video,\$c1996.
 [Video published in California of a film co-produced in France, Spain and Germany]

008/15-17 nyu

260 ##\$a[New York] :\$bGardner & Co.,\$c1899.

008/15-17 nyu

245 00\$a[Portrait of Cyrus Patten] /\$cAnson, New York.
260 ##\$c1852.
 [A single unpublished graphic item.]

008/15-17 xx#

245 00\$aVanity Fair /\$cF. Depero.
260 ##\$c1930.
 [An unpublished graphic item where geographic information cannot be deduced.]

008/15-17 ja#

260 ##\$aTokyo :\$cShobido & Co.,\$c1919.
 [A collection consisting wholly of published items.]

When the place of publication/production/execution is totally unknown, code xx# is used.

008/15-17 xx#

260 ##\$aS. l. :\$bs.n.,\$c1983.
 [Place is completely unknown]

008/15-17 xx#

245 00\$a[Hope diamond]\$h[realia].
 [Field 260 is not present in the record]

When more than one place is involved, the first-named jurisdiction is coded in 008/15-17. The code for the first jurisdiction is repeated in field 044 (Country of producer code), followed by the codes for the other jurisdictions.

008/15-17 enk

260 ##\$aLondon ;\$aNew York :\$bAcademic Press,\$c1979.
044 ##\$aenk\$anyu

For **visual materials** and **music**, if the work is a multi-country production, the code for the first country is recorded in 008/15-17. The code for the first country is repeated in field 044 (Country of Producer Code), followed by the codes for countries of other bodies involved in the production. For **serials** and **integrating resources**, the country code reflects the place of publication of the latest issue, part or iteration. If the record is updated at a later time and the place has changed, the place of publication code is updated. For **mixed materials**, the code represents the repository where the material is assembled.

xx# - No place, unknown, or undetermined

No place of publication, production, etc. can be provided; the place is unknown, or it is undetermined. Examples of such items are: 1) naturally occurring objects; 2) ancient manuscripts.

vp# - Various places

Various places are associated with different parts of items, generally a collection.

[aaa] - Three-character alphabetic code

[aa#] - Two-character alphabetic code

18-34 - Material specific coded elements

See one of the material specific 008/18-34 sections

35-37 - Language

Three-character alphabetic code that indicates the language of the item. Code from: [MARC Code List for Languages](#). Choice of a MARC code is based on the predominant language of the item. Three fill characters (lll) may also be used if no attempt is made to code the language or if non-MARC language coding is preferred (and coded in field 041 (Language code)).

For **language material** (i.e., books and continuing resources), the language code is based on the text of the item. The term *text* refers to the principle work(s) included within the publication, excluding the preface, introduction, foreword, appendices, etc. For **computer files**, the language associated with the *data* and/or the *user interface* (e.g., textual displays, audible output in a language) determines the code used in 008/35-37, not the programming language. (Accompanying documentation in a language other than that of the data and/or user interface is coded in field 041.) For **maps**, the language of names and text associated with the map or globe determines the code used. For **music**, the predominant language of the sung or spoken text associated with the score or sound recording is recorded in 008/35-37. For **visual materials**, coding depends on the type of material. For moving image materials, the language content is defined as the sound track, the accompanying sound, or sign language. For moving image materials with no sound or sign language content or, if with sound, no narration, use zxx (no linguistic content). For filmstrips and slides, code for the text on the film, the accompanying sound or the accompanying printed script (for works with no sound or, if with sound, no narration). For all other still images, including original or historical graphic material and opaque and non-opaque graphic material, and three-dimensional materials, the language content is that associated with the material, i.e., captions or other text associated with the item or collection that are part of the chief source of information. For **mixed materials** the language code is based on the predominant language of an item or materials in a collection.

When only one language is associated with an item, the code for that language is recorded.

008/35-37 spa

245 00\$aRentabilidad bruta del inversionista en bolsa.\$pBonos del tesoro.

If more than one language code is applicable, the code for the predominant language is recorded in 008/35-37, and the codes for all of the languages, including the predominant language, are recorded in field 041 (Language Code). The code recorded in 008/35-37 is always the same as the language code recorded in the first occurrence of subfields \$a or \$d (for sound recordings).

008/35-37 rus

041 0#\$arus\$aeng

500 ##\$aChiefly in Russian; with some contributions in English.

If there is no predominant language, the language codes are recorded in English alphabetical order in field 041 and the first one is recorded in 008/35-37.

008/35-37 eng

041 0#\$aeng\$aspa

546 ##\$aText in English and Spanish.

When formulating a bibliographic record for a **translation**, the code for the language of the translation, not the language of the original, is given in 008/35-37. (The code for the language of the original is recorded in subfield \$h of field 041.)

008/35-37 eng

041 1#\$aeng\$hger

[English translation of a German title]

- No information provided

zxx - No linguistic content

Item has no sung, spoken, or written textual content. Examples of such items are: 1) instrumental or electronic music; 2) sound recordings consisting of nonverbal sounds; 3) moving image materials with no sound or sign language content, or if sound, no narration; 4) visual materials other than moving images with no printed titles, captions, etc.; 5) computer files that consist of no more than the machine language (e.g., COBOL) or character codes (e.g., ASCII) used in source programs.

mul - Multiple languages

Item is multilingual with no predominant language and the cataloging institution has chosen not to specify a language in 008/35-37.

sgn - Sign languages

Primary medium of communication is a sign language, e.g., a book containing pictures of the handshape of each letter of a particular sign system, or a videorecording that is signed. The particular sign language system is stated in field 546 (Language Note), e.g., American Sign Language. The codes for secondary and related languages may be indicated in field 041 (Language Code).

008/35-37 sgn

041 0#\$asgn\$aeng
 546 ##\$aAmerican Sign Language, with some text in English.

und - Undetermined

Language of the item cannot be determined. Also used for works having content consisting of arbitrary syllables, humming, or other human-produced sounds for which a language cannot be specified.

[aaa] - Three-character alphabetic code

38 - Modified record

One-character code that indicates whether any data in a bibliographic record is a modification of information that appeared on the item being cataloged or that was intended to be included in the MARC record.

Such modifications include: the romanization of data that originally appeared in a non-roman script; substitution of characters available for those characters that could not be converted to machine-readable form (e.g., special symbols, "α"); shortening of records because the amount of data exceeded a system imposed maximum allowable length. A record is not considered to be modified when romanizing fields in the record that are not transcriptions of data from the item (e.g., headings, complete nonquoted fields, subscription address, etc.). MARC equivalents for certain letters used in lesser known languages using the Roman alphabet are also not considered to be modified.

Precedence of codes - When more than one code applies to a bibliographic item, use the following table to determine the appropriate code to use. The codes are listed in precedence order, with codes listed first taking precedence over codes listed subsequently. Code # is the highest priority.

#	Not modified
s	Shortened
d	Dashed-on information omitted
x	Missing characters
r	Completely romanized/printed cards in script
o	Completely romanized/printed cards romanized

Codes are assigned a priority (recorded in the order of the following list) that determines which code is input when more than one code applies to the item.

Default recommended:

- Not modified

Record has not been modified in any way (e.g., it is not shortened and it contains no characters that could not be converted to machine-readable form).

d - Dashed-on information omitted

MARC record does not contain "dashed-on" information found on the corresponding manual copy, either because the dashed-on information was input as a separate record, recorded in field 500 (General Note), or because it was omitted. "Dashed-on" information is generally the brief description of material related to a main item being cataloged that is not considered important

enough to catalog separately. The "dashed-on" technique has not been used heavily since the introduction of machine-readable bibliographic records.

o - Completely romanized/printed cards romanized

Bibliographic data in the MARC record is completely romanized and any printed cards produced are also in romanized form.

r - Completely romanized/printed cards in script

Bibliographic data in the MARC record is completely romanized but the printed cards are available in the original (vernacular) script.

s - Shortened

Some of the data was omitted because the data exceeded the maximum length allowed by the system used to create or process it.

In systems where the length of data is restricted, it is usually at the field or record level. MARC bibliographic records have a maximum length of 99,999 characters. (For further information, see *MARC 21 Specifications for Record Structure, Character Sets, and Exchange Media*.) Code s is rarely used in current records.

x - Missing characters

Record contained characters that could not be converted to machine-readable form (e.g., incidental nonroman characters on predominantly roman alphabet records, mathematical symbols, etc.).

Note: Many institutions choose to simply romanize any nonroman characters encountered in bibliographic data. The technique of representing special symbols by a descriptive word or phrase is often used as an alternative to omitting the special symbol completely (e.g., "[tree]" included in data to represent the picture of a tree that was meant to be an integral part of the title). It is unlikely that code x will be used in current records.

l - No attempt to code

39 - Cataloging source

One-character code that indicates the original cataloging source of the record. If the cataloging source is known, it is identified in subfield \$a of field 040 (Cataloging Source).

- National bibliographic agency

Creator of the original cataloging data is a national bibliographic agency (e.g., U.S. Library of Congress or Library and Archives Canada).

008/39 #

040 ##\$aDLC\$cDLC

[Record was created and transcribed by the U.S. Library of Congress.]

008/39 #

040 ##\$aDLC\$cWvU\$dWvU\$dCU\$dCStRLIN

[Record was created by the Library of Congress, transcribed by West Virginia University, and modified by West Virginia University, University of

California, and RLIN.]

008/39 #

040 ##\$aCaOONL\$beng\$cCaOONL

[Record was created and transcribed by National Library of Canada.]

c - Cooperative cataloging program

Creator of the cataloging data is a participant (other than a national bibliographic agency) in a cooperative cataloging program.

008/39 c

040 ##\$aMH\$cMH

[Harvard University Library cataloging input online as part of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging.]

008/39 c

040 ##\$aCaBVAU\$cCaOONL

[Record created by the Univ. of British Columbia and transcribed by NLC.]

d - Other

Source of the cataloging data is an organization that is other than a national bibliographic agency or a participant in a cooperative cataloging program.

008/39 d

040 ##\$aWyU\$cWyU

[Record was created and transcribed by the University of Wyoming.]

008/39 d

040 ##\$aIEN\$dCStRLIN\$dMiU

[Record was created by Northwestern University and modified by RLIN and the University of Michigan.]

u - Unknown

Creator of the cataloging data is unknown. Used when an organization transcribes manual cataloging data from an unknown source. In this case, field 040 lacks a subfield \$a and subfield \$c contains the MARC code for the transcribing organization.

008/39 u

040 ##\$cWMUW

[The University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee is responsible for the content designation and transcription of cataloging from an unknown source.]

l - No attempt to code

INPUT CONVENTIONS

Capitalization - Alphabetic codes are input in lowercase.

Field length - Field 008 should always consist of forty (40) character positions.

CONTENT DESIGNATOR HISTORY

008/06 - Type of date/Publication status

b - No dates given; B.C. date involved [NEW, 1987]

Prior to the definition of this code and field 046 (Special Coded Dates), data elements for coded information about B.C. dates were not provided in MARC.

c - Actual date and copyright date (BK, CF, MP, MU, VM) [OBSOLETE]

c - Serial item currently published [REDEFINED, 1995]

t - Publication date and copyright date [NEW, 1995]

Prior to its redefinition, code c had a different definition for books, computer files, maps, music, and visual materials than it did for serials. The difference was eliminated by the definition of a new code t (Publication date and copyright date) which is used in place of the obsolete nonserial code c. The definition of the serial code c was retained.

d - Detailed date (BK, VM) [OBSOLETE]

d - Serial item ceased publication [REDEFINED, 1995]

e - Detailed date [NEW, 1995]

Prior to its redefinition, code d had a different definition for books and visual materials than it did for serials. The difference was eliminated by the definition of a new code e (Detailed date) which is used in place of the obsolete nonserial code d. The definition of the serial code d was retained.

i - Date of distribution/release/issue and production/recording session when different (MU) [OBSOLETE, 1978]

Prior to the definition of code p (Date of distribution/release/issue and production/recording session when different) for music in 1978, this type of date was identified by code i. The current definition of code i (Inclusive dates of collection) was approved in 1983.

i - Inclusive dates of collection [NEW, 1983]

Prior to the definition of code p (Date of distribution/release/issue and production/recording session when different) for music in 1978, this type of date was identified by code i.

n - Dates unknown

Prior to the introduction of AACR 2, code n was used with all forms of material when subfield \$c (Date of publication, distribution, etc.) in field 260 (Publication, Distribution, etc. (Imprint)) contained the statement "n.d." for "no date". In cataloging formulated according to AACR 2, code n is used only 1) in records for mixed materials when there is no date in field 260 or in field 245, and 2) in visual material records for naturally occurring objects and artifacts when subfield \$g (Date of manufacture) is not present in field 260. Prior to 1995, zeros or blanks were used for unknown portions of Date 1 and Date 2 for some forms of material.

008/15-17 - Place of publication, production, or execution

Technique for indicating a questionable place by modifying the MARC country code was made obsolete in 1972. Prior to that time, the letter *q* was added to a two-character place code (e.g., Paris? was coded as *frq*) or the letters *d*, *l*, *s*, or *v* were used instead of the letters *c*, *k*, *r*, or *u* as the third character in the three-character codes for jurisdictions within Canada, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, and the United States (e.g., Chicago? was coded as *ilv* instead of *ilu*). Prior to 1980, place codes were limited to two character positions (positions 15-16) in the visual materials specifications. The three-character codes for Canada, the U.K., the U.S., and the U.S.S.R. were not used (e.g., London was coded *uk*).

??q - Questionable place coding [OBSOLETE, 1972]

008/35-37 - Language

Prior to 2006, three blanks were used to indicate that the item has no sung, spoken or written text. Code *zxx* (No linguistic content) was added at that time to indicate this situation and three blanks were redefined as no information provided.

008/38 - Modified record

u - Unknown [OBSOLETE] [CAN/MARC only]

008/39 - Cataloging source

Code *n* was made obsolete following the cessation of publication of *New serial titles*.

- Library of Congress [REDEFINED, 1997]

- a - National Agricultural Library [OBSOLETE, 1997] [USMARC only]*
 - b - National Library of Medicine [OBSOLETE, 1997] [USMARC only]*
 - d - Another national library cataloguing [REDEFINED, 1997] [CAN/MARC only]*
 - l - Library of Congress cataloguing [OBSOLETE, 1997] [CAN/MARC only]*
 - o - Other institution cataloguing [OBSOLETE, 1997] [CAN/MARC only]*
 - n - Report to New serials titles [OBSOLETE, 1997] [USMARC only]*
 - r - Reporting library [OBSOLETE, 1997] [CAN/MARC only]*
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